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### Library of Congress

In his annual report, Herbert Putnam, librarian of Congress points out some things done during the fifteen years which cover his term of service to make this collection of books the great national library of the United States. It has been Mr. Putnam's ambition to make the library stand in relation to other libraries in the United States just as the British Museum stands in relation to other libraries in England. That he is steadily accomplishing his purpose the present report points out.

The collection is third in size among the collections of the world, containing 2,253,809 books and pamphlets, 141,712 maps and charts, 653,474 volumes and pieces of music and 376,812 prints.

The net total of accessions, 125,054 volumes and pamphlets, has been exceeded but once in the history of the library, in 1909, when the accession of the Yudin collection quadrupled the normal number of purchases and raised that year's net total to double the average annual increase.

"When in 1897," says Mr. Putnam, "the library was moved from the capitol to the new building its collections comprised about \$50,000 printed volumes and pamphlets and about 500,000 other articles—manuscripts, maps, music and prints—and a staff of but 42 persons.

"When I took office, two years later, the condition had improved to the extent of an increase of the force from 42 to 139 persons, and some progress had been made in the assortment of the accumulated arrears; little progress, however, had been made in the equipment.

"The appropriations for purchase of books had advanced to \$30,000 a year,

## THE COUNCIL MADE CHANGES LAST EVENING

Half-Yearly Statement Shows  
Good Surplus

### H. C. BEATTY RETIRES FROM COUNCIL

As President, Mr. Beatty Conducted the Daily in a Very  
Able Manner

The first meeting of the Students' Council since the Christmas holidays was held last night, when several matters of importance were considered.

Mr. Harry Beatty handed in a report of the McGill Daily which clearly showed that institution to be in a most satisfactory condition.

The statement for the half year was submitted and showed a creditable surplus of \$218.20. This statement appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. A. S. Lamb was elected to the position of vice-president of the council to fill the vacancy left by the expiration of Mr. Beatty's term. Mr. W. Nicholson was appointed president of the "Daily," filling the position also left vacant by Mr. Beatty.

Two items of expenditure by the hockey club were authorized first, the payment for the franchise in the city league and the estimated account for the third term trips to Huntington on Friday.

A resolution passed unanimously expressing to Mr. Beatty a hearty vote of thanks for the very able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the "Daily" during his term of office.

## HOCKEY PLAYERS WILL BE EXAMINED TO-DAY AT UNION

Dr. Harvey Will Also Examine  
Men Suspended for Infringe-  
ment of Physical Examination Rule

Dr. Harvey will be at the Union to-day at 6 o'clock to conduct physical examinations. This is the last chance the hockey players will have to be examined before their game on Friday and it is for their benefit that this hour has been arranged.

Also, Dr. Harvey will examine those who have been suspended for participating in games before being examined, these men will then be able to have their cases brought before the Athletic Association for reinstatement.

## PRESIDENT BUTLER FAVORS TWO YEAR COLLEGE COURSE

President Thinks Two Year  
Course Sufficient for Entrance  
to Graduate School

Owing to the fact that there has been such sincere and just opposition to the present-day college course, there has recently grown up a widespread feeling that college is an unnecessary waste of time, especially for those going into a profession.

President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, answering these objections in the New York Tribune states that four years of college are undoubtedly better than none, as college is peculiar to our national system of education and is certainly its most characteristic feature.

It also successfully breaks the transition from the prescribed order of school to the absolute freedom of life. He, however, suggests that the A.B. degree be given for a two year course, which should be accepted as a certificate of admittance to the various graduate schools of the country. This plan, he believes, would effectually silence the argument that college is a waste of time as almost everyone will agree that at least two years of college life are invaluable to every young man. It also has the undoubted advantage of permitting a man to get to work earlier and therefore lessens the time he spends in school.

Adopting this new plan does not at all mean the total abolishment of the four-year course as an A.M. degree could easily be given to anyone wishing to have a more complete education.

which should be in the national library of the United States, go instead to other libraries or to the collection of some amateur.

The most important accession during the year is Jacob H. Schiff's second notable gift, consisting of more than 4,200 volumes, reinforcing the collection of Semitic given by him in 1912. The present collection, like the former, was brought together by Dr. Ephraim Deinard in Europe and Palestine.

Through the services of Dr. Hing Kwai Fung in China, Mr. Putnam points out, the collection of Chinese literature has received an increment of 17,208 volumes embracing works dealing chiefly with lexicography, history and physiography, the arts, agriculture, bibliography, etc.; but including also many collected works, series and encyclopedias.

A significant addition during the past year was made to the collection of autograph scores by the following composers: Arthur Foote, Henry F. Gilbert, Victor Herbert, Edgar Stillman Kelley, Louis Victor Saar and Adolph Weidig—Monitor.

## Orchestra Will Resume Practices Monday Evening

Preparations Are Being Made  
For Annual Concert

The orchestra will hold its first rehearsal of the year in the music room of the McGill Union at 7.30 o'clock Monday evening, January 11th.

There is a good deal of music on hand and the executive would be glad to see all the old members and as many new players as possible turn out and practice for the first concert of the year to be held at the end of January.

The date for the annual concert is also drawing near and it is essential that a few good hard practices be held before then.

## DEAN ADAMS WILL DELIVER SERIES OF FOUR LECTURES

Interesting Meetings Arranged  
For Early Sunday Afternoons  
at Strathcona Hall

Starting on Sunday next, January 10th, in Room B at Strathcona Hall, Dean Adams will deliver a series of four lectures on "Christianity and the Problems of Modern Life." This is a subject which appears peculiarly suitable to the Dean, who is a man of practical experience, as well as of eloquence, and should prove a great drawing card. The executive of the Hall has indeed fortunate in having secured so able a man to address these Sunday meetings.

A departure which has proved a success on previous occasions is to be made. These meetings are to be held at 2 p.m. and will be fairly short. This will leave the better part of the afternoon open and it is hoped that a large audience, especially of science students, will greet the Dean at these early Sunday afternoon meetings.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL CHANGED

Two Years of Specific Training  
Will Now Be Accepted

The Harvard corporation has announced that hereafter admission to the medical school will be offered to students completing two years of work in certain approved colleges and technical schools. Previously the applicant for admission to the Harvard medical department had to hold an academic degree, but this change in the standard has been necessitated by the strong competition met in other medical schools throughout the country.

The new regulations carry, however, the stipulation that the applicant must have had at least a year's work in physics, biology, general and organic chemistry, must have a working knowledge of French or of German, and must have ranked among the first three of his class.

## MISS H. CONNOVER ELECTED MEMBER OF MEDICINE '16

Class Honor the Baby Daughter  
of One of its Members

It has been the custom in the Faculty of Medicine for some time past, to officially take recognition of any numerical increase in the families of married members of the different classes.

Accordingly Mr. K. I. Connover, of Medicine '16, having recently become the proud father of a baby girl, has had his maiden of tender years, moved to the executive committee to purchase some suitable article of infantile delight to be sent to Miss Connover on behalf of the class and Mr. Gall moved that Helen's picture be placed in the Annual with the members of Medicine '16.

Connover arose and stated that it had become him to extol the merits of his own offspring, but that nevertheless he was thankful to the class for their expression of appreciation.

## YALE DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE OWN THEATRE

Already Have Seventeen Thou-  
sand Dollars on Hand

The Yale University Dramatic Association, which will appear in Providence at the Providence Opera House in the near future, is planning to build a theatre of its own at New Haven. This will be a big step forward in college dramatics and will give the Yale Association an unusual advantage over the undergraduate dramatic organizations.

As yet, the entire fund necessary for the erection of the building has not been secured. In the report of the As-

## SCIENCE DINNER COMMITTEE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

Dinner to be Held on January  
22nd

### COMMITTEE OPTIMISTIC

Castle Blend Arranging the  
Menu

At a meeting of the Science Dinner Committee held yesterday, the following business was transacted. It was decided to hold the dinner on January 22nd, in the hall of the McGill Union, which proved so satisfactory a place last year. The price of tickets will be the same as last year, namely, \$1.85. The catering will be done by the Castle Blend Company and their sample menus appear very appetizing.

The committee, which is composed of representative men from each class, feel confident of making the dinner a success, and every science student should turn out and help the committee make this year's dinner a record one.

The main committee is composed of chairman, S. J. Montgomery, '15; secretary, H. Johnson, '15; treasurer, Rochester, '17.

Executive: Macfarlane, '17, Macfarlane, '16, Mahaffey, '17, Cameron, '15, McCall, '15, Parkins, '15, McCall, '16, Kelly, '16, Marson, '18, Warner, '17, Rutherford, '18, Parsons, '15, Chipman, '15, Lindsay, '16, Smith, '18.

Professor E. Brown is Faculty Representative and his initiative should help a whole lot to run things through.

## MCGILL GRADUATE ASSISTS IN GREAT MODERN DISCOVERY

Dr. Yerkes' "Point Scale," a  
New Test for Mental  
Capacity

It seems likely that the scientific world will be obliged to revise many of the conclusions drawn from the Binet-Simon tests of mental capacity which have hitherto been regarded as authoritative. This result is anticipated from the application of the new system of mental measurements which has originated in the work of the Psychopathic Hospital.

The new "point scale" has been devised by Prof. Robert M. Yerkes, of Harvard, who is psychologist of the Psychopathic Hospital, with the aid of J. W. Bridges, formerly an interne in psychology there.

The first striking fact about the new scale is that in its original form it was based on an examination of about 300 children between the ages of 4 and 15. Four times as many as were examined by Binet. Later examinations at the Psychopathic Hospital have brought the present numerical basis up to about 1,000. Large as this number seems in comparison with the Binet tests, it is considered by Prof. Yerkes as only a beginning of the working out of the necessary sub-divided standards, so to speak, in which variations due to sex, to certain age periods, to nationality, to social or home conditions, shall receive their proper weight in the final value assigned to an examination result.

Another cardinal feature of the new point scale is that it provides a single series of twenty tests for children of all ages. The result of the whole examination is expressed in a numeral, a total of all the points scored by the child in the separate tests. The point scale allows for a partial credit on each test, and may, therefore, be called self-correcting. Only intellectual power is tested by the point scale and it is intended to develop it by a range of tests for effective qualities.

Altogether, Dr. Yerkes' system is said to furnish a new and more accurate index of the mental capacity of individuals than any system yet employed.

Mr. J. W. Bridges is a graduate of McGill Arts '11. He studied psychology here under Dr. Tait.

## PROF. A. J. GRIEVE WILL GIVE COURSE OF LECTURES HERE

Will Lecture Under the Auspices  
of the Joint Board of Theo-  
logical Colleges

The Rev. Prof. A. J. Grieve, M.A. (Oxon), D.D., Dean of the Theological Department of Yorksire United Independent College, Bradford, England, will deliver the following special course of lectures in the Congregational College of Canada, 58 McTavish street, under the auspices of the Joint Board of Theological Colleges affiliated to McGill University:

Thursday, Jan. 7—"The Appointment of the Preacher."

Friday, Jan. 8—"The Outlook for the Preacher."

The sun published last spring the sum on hand was \$16,389.59. To this are added from time to time the proceeds of each performance by the Association or under its auspices. As in former years, the proceeds of the holiday trip will be set aside for this fund.

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## FOOTBALL SEASON IN UNITED STATES RECORD BREAKER

7,292,000 Persons Witnessed  
34,000 Games, According  
to Davis' Estimate

In an exhaustive statistical review of the past football season, Parke H. Davis, the Princeton member of the Rules Committee, shows that more football games were played, and were attended by larger crowds this year than in any past season.

Four hundred and fifty colleges, 6,000 secondary schools, and 150 teams, not connected with any educational institution, combined to play 34,000 games in which over 152,000 players participated. Mr. Davis estimated that about 7,292,000 people witnessed these various games.

In the point scoring department of the game, Rolla College, in Missouri, amassed a total of 589 points to its opponents' none, while Washington and Jefferson came second with 369 to the opponents' 54. In preparatory school games Everett High School broke all records by scoring more than 600 points while its opponents were unable to score.

Dorothy was visiting her grandparents in the country for the first time. Seeing a quantity of feathers scattered about the henyard, she shook her head in disapproval. "Grandpa," she told him, gravely, "You really ought to do something to keep your chickens from wearing out so."—Continued.

### UNION COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Union House Committee to-day, Thursday, January 7th, at 7 p.m.

"My daughter is very irascible because I won't let her go into grand opera," said Mr. Curox. "Has she the voice for it?" "No. But she has the disposition."—Washington Star.

First Vag—"I had a rude awakening this morning." Second Vag—"How's that?" First Vag—"A cop came and told me that I was a bum."—Buffalo Express.

"There are a number of other men who wanted to marry me," "Yes, and not one of the ungrateful hounds has been around to even so much as to thank me."—London Standard.



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### Students Show Great Activity at McGill B. C.

Many Enlist in B.C. Horse as a McGill Troop

Judging by the great activity of the students the last year of McGill in Vancouver promises to be the most successful session the University has enjoyed so far and will leave a high standard for the new university of British Columbia to follow.

Following the example of the men in "Old McGill" the students of M.B.C. have enlisted, unofficially, as a troop in the B.C. Horse and are now training twice a week under Lieut. C. Clement, the husky forward on the McGill rugby team.

Owing to the war, all formal functions in connection with the college have been cancelled for the season. The Alma Mater dance, which was to have been held on Saturday night of the month will not take place. The Literary Society provides the only medium of a social nature after the meetings which are attended by three hundred or more students when small informal dances are held in the college building—these serve the purpose of keeping alive college spirit to a great degree.

The Alma Mater Society, despite the great stringency have decided to publish the Annual again this year. Mr. Lennon A. Mills, Arts '16, having been appointed Editor-in-Chief and Mr. Ralph Bagley, Arts '16, business manager.

The rugby team forms the chief centre of interest around the college—this year as last the team is winning its games in shut-out order—the four games to-date they have scored 71 points while no team this year has been able to cross the M.B.C. line.

One notable feature of the military world in University centres in Vancouver is the fact that Dr. Westbrook, the President of the new B.C. universities, is studying to qualify for a commission, while Prof. R. Brown, Dean of the Faculty of Science at that University, has already qualified. It is the intention of the President and Dean to act as instructors.

### Keeping in Shape

Yesterday's Daily gave lack of condition as the cause of the poor showing McGill hockey players made during the holidays, and offered some advice which every man in the University as well as the players should take to heart. There is always a tendency, among College men, as the season advances, to neglect all forms of strenuous exercise. The one extreme is the man who is devoted to his work, has a full time table, and allows himself to omit regular recreation periods; the other is too lazy to do more than stroll from his diggings to the Union and from the lecture room to the show. Between these we have all types of fallow faces. There are many students who have gone in for heavy exercise during school days, or for active sports during the autumn session; football, harrier running and heavy gymnastics have lasting effects. These men find their muscles hard and their wind and digestion apparently still sound, and think no more exercise need be taken till the next summer vacation. This is a mistaken notion; much clearer brains and more effective work result where regular light exercise is kept up all season, even through exam. week. It is too late to realize one's lack of condition when the spring thaw brings a dose of gripe, nor are two drills a week with an occasional stroll in addition sufficient. Skating and mountain sports for the outdoor man, gymnasium classes and basketball for the others, a couple of hours spent at these each week will not be missed and certainly never regretted. Stop and think if it isn't laziness instead of pressure of work that keeps you away from that gym. class.

### College Notes

Robbers broke into the Pratt gym at Amherst last Friday and stole several things from the lockers. First the person or persons committing the theft broke into Professor Carpenter's locker and obtained the keys to the rest. Entrance was gained through a window in the football room, at the southern end of the building. The robbery is attributed to a crowd of youngsters who have made themselves a nuisance about the field for some time. Several robberies have been committed in former years although everything possible has been done to prevent them. Sweaters, personal apparel, watches and money have been taken. A telephone pay station had to be removed from the building because it was frequently robbed.

Thirty-three men are practising regularly on the indoor track at Syracuse. The entire squad shows good form in getting away from the start and sprinting short distances. Eight Freshmen, eleven Sophomores, seven Juniors and seven Seniors are working daily.

The Junior class of the State University of Indiana has decided to abandon the custom of publishing a Junior Year Book. After several minutes of heated discussion this decision became unanimous. The main objection was that if expenses and effort are put into the book, it is impossible to make the Junior Prom the dance should be, the other is that the Junior Book once reaches upon the field of the Arbutus, both in reading matter and advertising.

The faculty of Princeton University is in favor of the establishment of a student military organization, which would be entirely voluntary. The discussion of the advisability of such a plan was started by some of the undergraduates, who brought it to the attention of the authorities.

Of interest to Freshmen: At a recent meeting of the Princeton Senior Council it was decided that Freshmen should not be permitted to wear mackinaws, but may, however, wear black toques during the months of December, January and February. Freshmen at the University of Montreal held a meeting recently at which they knitted socks for Canadian soldiers. There is a Freshman at the University of Minnesota named Iona Lozier.

Flirting by the Freshman "co-eds" at the University of Pennsylvania is strictly under a ban. Just why the Sophomore girls established this ban is not known, but they imposed a stringent rule just the same. Any violation is punishable with a three-cent fine. It is reported that the Sophomore girls hope to collect enough fines to give a tango party to their admirers at one of the downtown cafes.

In order to correct the idea that Michigan is a university where cursing and roughness of all sorts is the customary thing, an organization of thirty of the prominent athletes of the university is behind a movement which proposes to cut out all dissipation after games, betting and smoking of cigarettes by athletes.

Dean Holgate of Northwestern University, blames the women of that institution for the successive defeats of the football team. After reaching this conclusion, the dean issued the following appeal to the "co-eds": "Let the football players alone. Don't keep them up late, girls, and feed them parents and candy that put them out of condition. Make that 200-pound boy at home feel cheap if he hasn't tried out for the eleven, and don't set the football men to dreaming about you when they ought to be rehearsing signals."

Vanderbilt University is arranging its schedule for 1915 without a game against the University of Tennessee.

University of Minnesota has signed Coach H. L. Williams of the varsity football team for three more years.

Howard Mason, quarterback on the Fournier team, defence, Laflamme Heeney, I. defence, Disette Nagle, rover, Kankin Burnett, defence, Lowe Behan, I. wing, Richardson Ryan, I. wing, Doherty Subs., Ottawa—Heffernan, Madden, Grimes, Subs., St. Michael—Moodey, McCamus, Merrick, Matthews.

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### The Basketball Team

There is probably no one of the minor clubs in the University so worthy of hearty support from the general student body as is the basketball club. By support is here meant not only a good turn out of players and would-be-players to each practice, but a large attendance at the home matches in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium.

Intercollegiate basketball is easily the best to be seen in this part of Canada and the McGill teams never disgrace us. Though not so spectacular as football or hockey, spectators at basketball matches never feel their time is being wasted; it is unfortunate that this sport is not better known. Basketball requires more quickness, equally good physical condition, and almost as much skill as football, lays one less open to major injuries, and has the additional advantage that a man (or woman) can become proficient enough in this game to enjoy it and be some use in a comparatively short time. Moreover, the fact of its being played in a near-by gymnasium and the shortness of the practice periods puts it within the reach of every student. By no means its least recommendation either, is the fact that the percentage of spectators of basketball matches who are also actually players is larger than in most sports. For these reasons it is to be hoped that a full measure of support will be given the McGill club this winter.

### New Essay

"The War That Will End War."—This paper-covered booklet is a collection of newspaper articles which are still well worth reading, although much of their merit lies in the promptness with which they appeared, some weeks ago, when they were most needed. All that the modern Jules Verne produces is interesting in some way, and this collection of articles is by no means an exception to that rule.

The first of the articles is "Why Britain Went to War"; it insists that the violation of Belgian neutrality was alone the immediate cause of British participation in the war.

"The Sword of Peace" points out that the Allies are fighting to procure and preserve permanent peace.

"Hands Off the People's Food" heaps sarcasm upon, and calls for the suppression of those persons of little balance, who attempted to lay in stores of food in England when the war broke out.

"Continuing, Mr. Maximilian Craft, is an attack upon the spirit of militarism; it must, by its form, appeal strongly to the imagination of many.

"The Most Necessary Measures in the World" insists that when the war is ended, measures must be taken to make impossible any trading in armaments or in war materials by private individuals. There will be few who will not agree that this "Kruppian" must be abolished.

"The Need of a New Map of Europe" expresses a conviction that there must be no peoples ruled by others than themselves in Europe, when the war is ended.

"In the Opportunity of Liberalism," Mr. Wells hopes that the liberal spirit of all the world will make certain that this will be the last war, and that peace may be its result.

"The Liberal Fear of Russia" is written to reassure those who profess to see danger to European civilization from a victorious Russia.

"Appeal to the American People" it is pointed out that the Allies fight in the cause of democracy, and that a democratic America can scarcely assist an autocratic Germany by sending it supplies.

"Common Sense in the Balkan States" proposes union in a republic, formed on the lines of the Swiss Confederation, for the Balkan States.

"The War of the Mind" is one of the most important of all the articles; it is written with the object of impressing upon those who read it, the fundamental fact that whatever the immediate and concrete cause of the war may have been, its fundamental cause lies in the conflict dividing autocracy from democracy, and the principles which have found their expression in the development of popular, representative government.

The articles are worth reading, both for the clearness of expression with which past conditions are delineated, and for the clear statement of the questions which it will be necessary for us to decide when the war is over, should we be the victors.

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### THE LORD NEEDS HELP.

A certain preacher in one of the Southern States, was preaching away one Sunday night when a fire alarm broke the attentive stillness of the sanctuary.

"Sit still!" he cried to his disturbed congregation, "if there is a fire, the Lord will take care of His own, and let not anything happen that shouldn't."

Just then two children, who had stepped outside, shrieked:

"Oh, it's the parsonage! It's the parsonage!"

Without a word of farewell that preacher made a wild dash for the pulpit and struck out for his burning residence.

"They is times, it seems," said a lean member of the congregation, "when the Lord needs help!"—National Monthly.

### THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA

THERE are few national institutions of more value and interest to the country than the Royal Military College of Canada. Notwithstanding this, its object and the work it is accomplishing are not sufficiently understood by the general public.

The College is a Government Institution, designed to give instruction in all branches of military science to cadets and officers of the Canadian Militia. In fact, it corresponds to Woolwich and Sandhurst.

The Commandant and military instructors are all officers on the active list of the Imperial Army, left for the purpose, and there is in addition a complete staff of professors for the civil subjects which form such an important part of the College course. Medical attendance is also provided.

Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis, the cadets receive a practical and scientific training in subjects essential to a sound, modern education.

The course includes a thorough grounding in Mathematics, Civil Engineering, Surveying, Physics, Chemistry, French and English.

The strict discipline maintained at the College is one of the most valuable features of the course, and in addition, the constant practice of gymnastics, drills and outdoor exercises of all kinds, ensures health and excellent physical condition.

Commissions in all branches of the Imperial service and Canadian Permanent Force are offered annually.

The diploma of graduation is considered by the authorities conducting the examination for Dominion Land Surveyor to be equivalent to a university degree, and by the Regulations of the Law Society of Ontario, it obtains the same exemptions as a B.A. degree.

The length of the course is three years, in three terms of 9 1/2 months each.

The total cost of the course, including board, uniform, instruction material, and all extras, is about \$800.

The annual competitive examination for admission to the College takes place in May of each year, at the headquarters of the several military divisional areas and districts.

For full particulars regarding this examination and for any other information, replication should be made to the secretary of the Militia Council, Ottawa, Ont., or to the Commandant, Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

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### McGill Twenty-Four Months Ago

From the McGill Daily of January 7, 1913.

The university gymnasium on Mansfield street, has been closed for an indefinite period. Information with regard to the matter was received by the "Daily" from Dr. Harvey, who said that he was not in complete possession of all the facts, but municipal authorities had closed the building for the time at least. Whether the tunnel was responsible for this the Doctor could not say. Current rumor alleges, however, that this is so and the "Daily" will be able to enlighten its readers on this matter in the near future.

Things political are beginning to occupy the minds of the students of the university, stimulated by the expected opening within the next two weeks of McGill's Mock Parliament. As intimated in yesterday's "Daily" this feature of the literary society's winter programme has taken deep root among the students and is always looked forward to with great interest and pleasure.

**THE REBUKE.**  
A Congressman said the other day:— "The afternoon I went through Carnegie peace palace at the Hague, I could hear the drums beating and the soldiers marching less than a block away." "This war is a terrible scourge," I sometimes think that they who can stand up for it are as insincere as the lady at the vaudeville show.

"At this show, when an oriental dancer came on, a young man leaned forward and said eagerly to a lady in front of him, 'Would you kindly remove your hat, madam.'"

"The lady swung round and gazed at him."

"Certainly not," she said. "You're much too young to look at a turn like this."—Washington Star.

Payton—"Are all his children bright?" Parker—"No, one's level-headed."—Life.

"Yes, Edgah's cigarets are all marked with his monogram, don't you know?" "Oh, dear, no. It's more monogramming than it is smoking, don't you know?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It has been felt for a long time that one of the most imperative needs of this university was a new and up-to-date gymnasium, this fact has been recognized by students and governors alike and in spite of the many difficulties which stood in the way of the attainment of this object it appears to be highly probable that something would be done about the matter in the very near future.

The opening of the intercollegiate hockey season is now close at hand and the three clubs in the older section of the league are preparing to play their games according to the schedule published in to-day's "Daily." There has been no meeting of the league recently and yet Ottawa College has withdrawn from its section and no steps have as yet been taken to fill its place or to arrange for the re-entry of Laval into the section remaining.

Among the new class which came to the second-grade teacher, a young, timid girl, was a young man, who, for naughty deeds, had been many times spanked by his first-grade teacher. "Send him to me any time when you want him spanked," suggested the lady. "I can manage him."

One morning about a week after the first-grade teacher's door, she dropped her work, seized him by the arm, dragged him to the dressing-room, turned over her knee and did her duty. When she had finished she said: "Well, Tommy, what have you to say?"

"Please, miss, my teacher wants the scissors."—National Monthly.

"Do you realize that this is the shortest day in the year?" "Sorry, old man; I'd like to, help you out, but I'm short every day."—Buffalo Express.

Hix—"By the way, who is, of, rather, was, the god of war?" Dix—"I've forgotten the duffer's name, but I think it was Ananias."—Boston Transcript.

### OTTAWA COLLEGE TRIMS ST. MIKES

5 to 1 Score Represents Merits of Team—Ottawa Badly Used—Up from Cleveland Trip

Despite the rough passage given them in Cleveland, Ottawa College hockey team left to defeat St. Michael's Monday night at the Toronto Arena in an exhibition game 5 to 1. Doran and Quinn, two of the Ottawa players who are out on bail as a result of the fracas at Cleveland on Saturday, were expected to arrive in time to play, but failed to do so. Turner, net guardian for the Riverdale O. H. A. senior team, took Doran's place in goal, while Frank Heffernan of the Victorias replaced Quinn.

Father Stanton was an excellent team, but the two local players who were used by the visitors held their own. Fournier, the husky defence

man, who has been sought by the "pros," while not possessed of much speed, is an excellent puckcarrier and a wicked shot. On the defensive his work is careful, and he is a hard man to draw from his position. Eddie Nagle lived up to his name. He was the fastest man on the ice Monday night. His stick-handling was a treat to watch. Behan at right wing accounted for the majority of the visitors' goals.

St. Michael's showed an utter lack of condition, but this was to be expected, as the players have not practised in the last period, and Ottawa was able to score thrice. The locals made a number of changes, and this weakened their chances, as the players continually shifted their positions. Of who are out on bail as a result of the fracas at Cleveland on Saturday, were expected to arrive in time to play, but failed to do so. Turner, net guardian for the Riverdale O. H. A. senior team, took Doran's place in goal, while Frank Heffernan of the Victorias replaced Quinn.

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### SUITED HIS TRADE.

Mrs. Timkins was taking her son to school for the first time, and after informing the schoolmaster with the necessity of his having a thorough education, finished up by saying: "And be sure he learns Latin."

"But, my dear madam," said the schoolmaster, "Latin is a dead language."

"All right," said Mrs. Timkins, "he'll learn it. He's going to be an undertaker."

"The world owes you a living," said Mr. Ewen, "but it's up to you whether you give it out in your own kitchen or in bread line."—Washington Star.

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# College Athletics

## BOXERS AND WRESTLERS TO COMMENCE WORK THIS WEEK

Special Attention of those Interested Called to the Change in the Wrestlers' Quarters—Joint Smoker to be Staged at the Union Next Week

Now that the Christmas holidays have passed the boxing, wrestling and fencing club has settled down to prepare for the intercollegiate assault-arms.

The committee in charge of the club has drafted a new time-table of hours which appears below.

Boxing, Tuesday and Friday, at 7.30.

Wrestling: Monday, from 5 to 6. Wednesday, at 7.30. Saturday, at 3 p.m. Fencing—Thursday at 7.30.

The prospects for this important minor club are very promising indeed. In Charlie McCarthy, the boxing hockey-player, the president of the club has secured an exceptionally good man to take the place of Sergeant Blake of last year's club, who is now with the first contingent, on Salisbury Plain.

McCarthy has a good reputation both as a boxer and indeed as an all-round athlete and is the very type of man needed by the club.

Instructor Smith has charge of the wrestling club and from his splendid work last year and indeed from the last several years with the club, needs no introduction to McGill people. Last year, out of practically a class of beginners, the popular instructor produced a wrestling club which was second to no college club in Canada, and he is hoping to repeat his former successes again this year.

Last year the fencing club did not

take a very prominent part in the assault-arms, but this year with the club once more taking an active part in matters, McGill should be well represented at the intercollegiate.

Mr. H. R. Wickenden has charge of the fencing department of the club and hopes for the banner year of this branch of sport at McGill this year.

A special wrestling practice has been called for Friday night at 7.30. All wrestlers, and, in fact, everybody interested in the sport, is requested to be in the Union promptly on time. The special notice of wrestlers is called to change of the place where the practices are held. Before Christmas, the wrestlers had been working out at the Y.M.C.A., but now the management has deemed it wise to make use of the Union and accordingly the practices from now on will be held in the basement of that building, as they were last year.

President O'Leary, of the B. W. F. Club, announces that he has a special treat in store for the club's supporters next Friday night, January 15. The exact nature of this treat we were not able to learn, but we have gathered that there is to be a smoker in the Union. The club's supporters have been very popular in the past and it is confidently expected that this one will surpass all previous years. The usual run of wrestling and boxing bouts will be staged and in addition we have President O'Leary's promise that, so the miniature assault-arms will be well worth attending.

## ENGLISH RUGBY GAINS APPROVAL IN CALIFORNIA

University of Stanford and Berkeley Are Enthusiastic Over Game

The Rugby game of football, supplanting the American game, is continually growing in interest on the Pacific Coast, and in northern California, where the University of California and the University of California are situated, members of the National Athletic Association were told in a paper by Professor Frank Angell, of Leland Stanford Jr. University. "The style of football is the straight Rugby game, a form of sport which is satisfactory to faculty and students at Stanford and likewise to the preparatory schools," said Professor Angell.

"In starting 12 years ago to increase the number and likewise the pleasure of those taking part in sports the Stanford athletic authorities found their chief obstacle in the paucity of college football. As it existed eight years back, relatively few men took part in the game and of these still fewer seemed to enjoy it. Intra-collegiate football, however, was a vanishing point and there were no matches after the 'big game.' So far as we could see the activity amounted merely to arduous practice for the 'big game' and the 'big game' itself.

"In the season just past we have had in the neighborhood of 200 men playing football. The football fields have been worked to the limit of their capacity with club and college matches. In which means of course that a goodly number of fellows with little prospect of making a varsity team have been getting fun and incidentally good exercise from the game. I do not wish here to spread propaganda in behalf of a game to which I have become an enthusiastic convert, but I earnestly desire to go on record as saying that the Rugby game, directly through its attractiveness to the players and indirectly through reaction on other sports, has been of the greatest service in increasing the number and pleasure of participants in athletics both in and out of Stanford University."

"The main trouble with the football situation in this neck of the woods is the lack of a central governing body with power to enforce its mandates, corresponding to the Rugby Union of England and the British colonies. The power of the big universities is still too great and that of the smaller colleges and clubs too weak in our union to admit of the democratic level obtaining in England. In addition the union should have a league of referees with full power to enforce their decision, but this again is not easy to create in so young an organization as ours. There is no question that a strong referee league with power and disposition to suspend indefinitely, if need be, any player for rough or unsportsmanlike play, would have a most chastening effect on the 'what-ay-pretty' idea."

"I should be grateful if at this juncture I did not acknowledge the service which the British colonial teams have rendered us, not merely in popularizing the game of football, but in proving it to be a sport for sports sake. The democratic constitution of these teams is remarkable. I recall in their personnel merchants, clerks, bankers, brokers, mechanics, police-men, firemen, college students, and small farmers. It goes without saying that clubs of such a kind are out to play football as a matter of pleasure, and through their tours in California no less than in the return visits of the Californians to the States, New Zealand and British Columbia, we have been shown football playing for the joy of the game. Incidentally through a profuse and generous hospitality the colonial teams have shown us the value of the sportsmanlike spirit in match games."

## SOME IMPRESSIONS

Of the Canadian Hockey by a Portland Writer with a Sense of Humour

Here are some impressions of a Portland man of Canadian hockey:

"If you have been fostering the impression that American football is rough sport, see a game of Canadian hockey and cast the idea from you. There is about as much comparison between the two as there is between cribbage and a home for the indigent and war with Germany."

**FIRST GAME.**

"These are the latter impressions that the crowd carried away from the ice Hippodrome last night after seeing the Vancouver team beat the (imported) town boys 4 to 3. It was the first game of hockey ever played in Portland."

"Just west the street from the Hippodrome is the Good Samaritan hospital. We cannot say whether it was accident or design that placed the building thus—but it certainly is going to be handy for the players if the city indulges in the lightning game of the Canadians. The hardest thing to understand about the game is how they play and live. In football the players are not allowed to use weapons. It is hard to cripple a man with bare hands. In hockey the players are allowed to use weapons. They are armed with clubs to hit with and razor-sharp skates to use in emergencies."

**THINGS WHICH OCCUR.**

"If you accidentally jerk your war club over the back of a passerby, who can tell you were not aiming at the puck? If you skate across the forehead of a prone opponent, how can they prove that you saw him there? It isn't fair to lie down on the ice anyway. If you do it, you are liable to other dangers than catching cold."

"Providing that a man is beyond the reach of your skates or stick, you are furnished with the puck for long-stated purposes. The puck is a little rubber disc about three inches across that must be driven into the goal basket to score a point. It is struck with such force that it travels with almost the impetuosity of a rifle bullet. Any man who dares to get in front of one will slap a cannon ball in the face and call a wild lion names. The only rule is against dum-dum pucks, which make rough, jagged wounds, instead of clean, workmanlike holes."

**PLAYERS WISE.**

"By watching the game carefully you discover that the players have not overlooked these things. The impression you get of a game is that of 14 husky young men who have been raised on tiger milk, turned loose in an arena with only a pair of unarmed fists to contend with. The crowd is protected from the 14 by a board fence about four feet high. It ought to be higher."

"The young men, wearing their B.V.'s outside their stockings, race up and down the ice at 70 miles a minute, giving vent the while to weird and terrible cries—the blood song of the hockey player."

"The players are protected by pads and guards everywhere, but on their heads. The goal tenders especially present an uncouth and alarming appearance. Their legs and bodies are protected with all the spare pillows and mattresses from their respective homes. The example of the Vancouver goal tender shows that it is unnecessary and useless to try and hurt a man at any padded point."

**OBJECT OF GAME.**

"The whole object of the game is to put that puck into the little goal basket. The goal tenders are stationed at the mouth of the goals, and have a stick there. Their principal object in life is to let the puck hit them. The players think nothing of falling and sliding across the rink, or crashing into the wall in a wild confusion, sticks and humanity flying THIMM of skates, sticks and humanity."

"The wise ones in the audience not only wore their furs, but brought along all the buffalo robes lying round loose. The others stamped their numb feet and cried to the players for blood—no one thought of leaving before the game was over."

"You can get more shivers out of a game of hockey than you can get out of a chill. After watching it you understand the attitude of the Romans in preferring the sanguine gladiatorial games to otiose and bloodless dramas."

## McGILL SKI CLUB TO MEET TO-DAY

Details Regarding Intercollegiate Meet With Dartmouth to Be Discussed

A meeting of the McGill Ski Club will be held in Strathcona Hall, to-day, at 5.15 p.m., sharp. All members of the club are requested to be on hand, as important business must be discussed regarding the intercollegiate meet with Dartmouth University.

Any men who are interested in skiing are invited to attend.

L. STRATHY, Secretary.

## TENNIS GROWING RAPIDLY IN U. S.

Popular Summer Game is Making Rapid Strides in the United States—Many New Clubs

Despite the fact that there has been a wonderful growth in the number of contestants and the quality of their playing during the past few years, those who are in close touch with United States Lawn Tennis Association affairs confidently predict that the next ten years will see this sport making even more rapid gains in this country.

Since its formation, some thirty years ago, there has been a steady growth in the number of clubs and players who have become affiliated with this organization until it has now developed into one of the leading athletic organizations of the country.

Since last March the increase in club membership has been the most remarkable since the start and, according to E. F. Torrey, the secretary, no less than eighty new clubs have enrolled. These new clubs have a playing membership of about 15,000 persons and they have over 1,000 courts. This is an increase of over 50 per cent. It takes in clubs situated in all parts of the country.

The largest of the new clubs to come into the National Association is the Seattle Athletic Club of Seattle, Wash., which has a membership of about 1,000 players and a large number of dirt courts. Another big club to join is the Country Club of Birmingham, Ala.

With the exception of the East most of the tennis playing has been done on dirt courts. Owing to the fact that the National all comers and Davis cup international championships have always been played on turf courts, there has been a marked tendency throughout the West and South to build some turf courts for their own players. One of the clubs to have taken up this work is the Country Club at Birmingham, which has recently completed six of these surfaces at a cost of about \$9,000.

Another departure which is expected to improve the standard of play is the securing of professional coaches by the various clubs. While there are only a few clubs which now have such instructors, there is an ever-increasing demand for them and it is expected that the professional will soon play as important a part in the tennis club's affairs as he does now in golf circles.

## HARVARD NINE TO PLAY MANY GAMES

Big Schedule is Published for the Upholders of the Crimson on the Diamond

That the Harvard varsity baseball team is going to have a busy and hard season during the spring of 1915 was assured by the announcement of the contests which have been arranged for next year. No less than 21 games are expected to comprise the schedule, the first game being against the world's champion Boston Nationals, on April 12 and the final contest with Yale, either in Boston or New York, June 26.

Three colleges which sent baseball teams to Cambridge this past season do not appear on the schedule for 1915, which has just been announced, subject to the approval of the athletic committee.

Syracuse, Fordham and Lafayette have been dropped for next season, and games with the Calumet Club and the Pilgrims, and a probable contest with the Boston Nationals have been added. The usual southern trip, lasting from Saturday, April 17, to Saturday, April 24, has been arranged, the colleges which will be visited being West Point, Annapolis, Catholic University, Georgetown and Columbia. Twenty-nine contests, together with an open date to comprise the schedule, will be played at home unless otherwise specified. The schedule is as follows:

April 12, Boston Nationals; 13, How-doin; 16, Maine; 17, West Point; at West Point; 21, Annapolis; Annapolis; 22, Catholic University at Washington; 23, Georgetown at Georgetown; 24, Columbia at New York; 27, Bates; 29, University of Virginia.

May 1, Amherst; 4, Colby; 6, Vermont; 8, Holy Cross at Worcester; 12, University of Pennsylvania; 15, open date; 19, Holy Cross; 22, Princeton at Princeton; 26, Dartmouth; 29, Brown; 31, Brown at Providence.

June 2, Williams; 5, Princeton; 9, Calumet; 12, University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; 15, Pilgrims; 18, Princeton at New York; 22, Yale at New Haven; 25, Yale at Cambridge; 26, Yale at Fenway Park or New York.

Vicar—You know, Thomas, you set the younger men of the parish a bad example by going into public houses on Sunday. Why don't you take your gallon of beer home on Saturday nights? Thomas—Ay, couldna gang, I sleep wif a gallon of beer in the house.—The Tatler.

"The public frequently changes its mind." "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, "as I pointed out in the statesmanship of our forefathers I fear that a nation's change of mind resembles the process of changing a twenty-dollar bill which finally reduces it to dimes and nickels."—Washington Star.

## HOCKEY TEAM BEGINS TO SHOW MID-SEASON FORM

Coach Roberts Keeps Men Hard at Work for Full Hour in Order to Improve Their Condition — F. Parsons Receives Nasty Cut in a Collision

Yesterday afternoon, at the Arena, Coach Roberts put the McGill team through the fastest workout this year. In the three league games played to date, McGill has been lacking in condition and the coach has determined to do all in his power to remedy this fault.

About sixteen men were on the ice for the major part of the time and an exceedingly fast pace was set. Two teams were lined up and put through their paces in addition to the usual practice.

Otto Demuth was not out as he is again on the hospital list, but Ken-Edwards, who had taken care of all the defence work there was to be done. The last mentioned particularly distinguished himself with his long reach and stick handling ability. The bright particular stars on the offensive were Eric Parsons, Rainboth, Marston and Andrews. The last is a new-comer to the McGill squad and showed a great deal of class in yesterday's workout.

A rather unfortunate accident marred the practice session. F. Parsons fell on the ice and was accidentally kicked in the head by another of the players. The skate opened quite a gash in his head and the wound required several stitches to close it. Parsons will be unable to attend the practices for a few days.

Mann, Quilty and Rooney were all absentees from the workout. Monty was in goal and had a real good

night. He is improving with every practice, and between him and Mann there is little to choose. Whatever may happen to the rest of the positions McGill is well fortified in goal this season.

On Monday night next, McGill will clash with Laval in the City League. The east-end boys have a very fast team this year, and it will require a lot of good hockey to beat them. The games have not been very well supported by the students so far due possibly to the fact that all the games have been played during the holiday season. With an intercollegiate game on Monday night the McGill club should get the support they so richly deserve.

The team will practice again on Friday and it is imperative that every member of the hockey squad should be at this practice.

Several of the class teams held practices yesterday and a number more have signified their intention of holding a practice within the next few days. Arts '17 seems to be the pick of those who have already been out and these arts sophomores will take a lot of beating when once they round into shape.

The men out with the senior squad yesterday were: Montgomery, Scott, Kendall, Morris, Hall, Blair, Eric Parsons, Marston, Kelch, Kelly, Andrews, Gibb, Work, Rainboth, F. Parsons and Nicholson.

A list of those wanted for Friday's Practice will appear in to-morrow's issue of the Daily.

## CRIMSON ELEVEN HAVE NEW SERIES

Many Changes in Harvard's Football Calendar for 1915—Early Games Against New Colleges

That the 1915 schedule arranged for the Harvard varsity football eleven, as announced Monday night, is a good one for the purpose of developing a team composed of men new to varsity football, is the opinion of the undergraduates to-day. A number of changes have been made over the 1914 schedule of dates and it is not expected that the games will prove as hard as was this year's programme when the varsity started the season with a large number of varsity men held over from 1913.

At the early games will be against colleges which were not on the university schedule the past season. Michigan has been dropped from the schedule. Accordingly Bates, Springfield Training School, Washington and Jefferson, Tufts and Michigan will not be seen in the Stadium next fall.

In their places games have been arranged with Colby, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Carleton, University of Virginia and Cornell.

Colby and the University of Virginia have never sent teams to Cambridge, and Massachusetts Agricultural College has not appeared on the varsity schedule for a number of years. Carleton opposed Harvard three years ago, and Cornell 1913.

Harvard defeated Cornell in 1913 in the first game in which the two colleges had met in three years by the score of 23 to 6. During this past season the Cornell team played exceedingly good football, the season culminating in a victory over the University of Pennsylvania in their annual battle, Quasimus as but fed men will be lost through graduation, Cornell should again develop a fast and evenly balanced team and one which is likely to give Harvard a close contest.

Colby, Massachusetts Agricultural College and Carleton all played good football during the past season, although they were not up to the standard of the major eleven of the East. The complete schedule follows:

Sept. 25—Colby.

Oct. 2—Massachusetts Agricultural College; 9, Carleton; 6, University of Virginia; 23, Cornell; 30, Pennsylvania State.

Nov. 6, Princeton at Princeton; 13, Brown; 20, Yale.

## BRITISH TENNIS PLAYERS AT WAR

Many Famous Wielders of the Racquet Are Now on Foreign Service

London—The recent meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association at Cannon-Street Hotel was marked by the absence of many well-known players at present on active service. G. W. Hilliard, secretary at Wimbledon, has secured a commission as Lieutenant-commander in the navy. Anthony Wilding is also at the front, and there were many other absentees. S. A. E. Hickson, the honorary treasurer, who presided, mentioned that the Prince of Wales had expressed to Lord Desborough his satisfaction with the efforts of the lawn tennis players. The balance sheet and the report were dealt with, the accounts showing that the balance of nearly £2,000 was due to the large revenue from the Davis Cup Competition. Lord Desborough was re-elected president.

## A HEARTY RESPONSE.

Rep. Cyrus Cline, of Indiana, is commonly known among his fellow members of Congress as "Parson" Cline on account of his ministerial frock coat and white tie—the usual costume.

Cline lives at a hotel which is also the headquarters of the Indiana delegation and much frequented by people from that State. In the lobby are frequently found at one time many of the coming men of the State.

One evening Cline entered the lobby and called out in a loud voice: "Governor, come over here. I want to talk a little politics with you."

Immediately six Indiana members rose and started for Cline, among them being Adair, Barnhart, Moss and Dixon. This lot decidedly embarrassing to the "parson," who was unable to show any preference, so the conference numbered six prospective governors instead of one.—Washington Star.

## HOCKEY AT R.V.C. BEGAN YESTERDAY

First Year Team Held Practice — Players Are Requested to Hand in Their Names

The hockey season opened yesterday with practice at the first year team. There seemed to be much excellent material and doubtless a good team will be made up. Owing to the limited scope of the activities of the athletic association, much interest is being shown in inter-year hockey. It is urgently requested that all girls who wish to play, hand in their names immediately to their hockey managers, as practices of all years must be arranged very shortly. The managers are as follows:

Senior—Miss L. De Muth.  
Junior—Miss M. Currie.  
Sophomore—Miss J. Kelly.  
Freshman—Miss G. Prowse.

## WENT TO HEADQUARTERS.

"Sammy" April, the small boy who supplies the president with newspapers, called on the secretary to the president and asked him what he thought of the president's message to Congress.

The secretary launched into a laudatory discussion of the subject. When he had talked a few minutes, he paused and asked: "But why do you ask, Sammy?"

"I have to write a composition on it in school to-morrow," replied the boy, and thought I would come to headquarters for the information."—Washington Star.

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# THE MILITARY HAPPENINGS AT OLD MCGILL

## ENTIRE STUDENT BODY OF MCGILL MOURNS THE DEATH OF JOHN ABBOTT

LIEUT. ABBOTT WAS A POPULAR OFFICER IN THE REGIMENT AND HELD PROMINENT OFFICES ABOUT THE COLLEGE.

On Saturday morning, December 19th, John Abbott died in the Royal Victoria Hospital from an injury received in a class football team-game and aggravated by route-marches with the McGill Battalion. He had contracted blood-poisoning, and was taken to the hospital early in December. It was not long before we heard that there was only a fighting chance for his recovery, yet none of us could realize how serious his condition was, and no one doubted but that he would ultimately be with us again. He was the best known man in the Faculty of Arts, being President of the Arts' Undergraduate Society, and an outstanding figure in athletics. He was President of Arts '15 in his Junior year, besides holding many other offices. When the McGill Regiment was formed John was one of the three undergraduates who became Commissioned Officers.

He regarded his work in the Regiment as a sacred duty, and as a result, he was working night and day. He spared neither time nor energy to make himself an efficient officer. The senior officers of the Regiment considered him one of the most promising of the



junior men. It was his intention to go to the front in the spring, and he was of the type to have been a great credit, had he lived, to the McGill Regiment on foreign duty.

In every phase of college life John Abbott was actively engaged. He took a keen interest, and participated in every branch of athletics. In his academic work he always did splendidly, winning The MacKenzie Exhibition in his sophomore year. He was on the Editorial Board of the Annual for 1915, and often contributed to the columns of the McGill Daily.

His death will be mourned by the entire student body, especially by the Arts Faculty, and still more particularly by the class of Arts '15. When his death was announced his classmates rushed back from their holidays to pay tribute to one whose loss they so deeply deplored and mourned.

The cortege, formed of a firing party, made up of the platoon which he had commanded, followed by a procession of friends and class-mates, accompanied the gun-carriage to the cemetery. The grave had been dug under a tall elm, which seemed to have been placed there by a special Providence to mark the last resting place of one of McGill's highest types of manhood. Around it the cortege gathered, while the funeral service was read in the twilight of a wintry day. The three volleys, which have marked so many an historical burial, were the signal for his interment, and the sounding of the "last call," which followed, left an impression which will not soon fade from the minds of those who heard it.

## A Letter From The Front

Postmaster R. G. McPherson received today a letter from Dr. Arthur Johnson, of Vancouver, who is now captain and surgeon, No. 1 General Hospital, Canadian Expeditionary Force, Wits, England. The letter was dated December 19, 1914. In his letter, Dr. Johnson shows that already a part of the Canadian medical army corps are in France. He also shows the wisdom of the hard training and weeding out of the contingent before sending them to the front. He says in part:

"We alone of the Canadian hospitals are ministering to 34,000 men constituting the contingent, and it is small wonder that we have so much to do. Most of our Canadian hospitals are treating men of other nations—two in France and two in the English coast. It is a source of no little gratification to me that I am in a hospital caring for our own contingent. I have a surgical service exclusively my own of 100 beds. Two days a week I operate and two days assist the chief surgeon. To-morrow (December 11) for example, I will have to perform two operations for appendicitis, one for hernia and two for hemorrhoids. The advantage of having these troubles discovered and attended to before the men went to the front is obvious. Bulford Manor, which is our active surgical headquarters, is a stately old stone pile built in the 17th century. The work I may say is engrossing. Very soon now our fellows will cross the channel for their baptism of fire and death. My bosom friend Dr. E. Gilles (also of Vancouver) is with his battalion (C.O.). Leslie (commanding) a mile away. I see him occasionally. The esprit de corps of the

72nd of Vancouver is grand. The present view of the future is inevitable to the 1st and 2nd regiments as their glorious history is drawing them together with hopes of steel. I am the reserve surgeon for Col. Leckie's command."

Personal friends of Dr. Johnson will be interested in the fact that in compliance with the King's regulations he is growing a moustache.

## MUSKETRY EXAMS FOR INSTRUCTORS

### Successful Candidates to Teach Regiment

The following men having taken the musketry class will attend as under on the dates named, for an oral examination, on the results of which the number of men (about 16) will be selected. Questions will be given on the prescribed portions of the Musketry Regulations, and candidates will also be called on for such work as will indicate their fitness to instruct a squad and take charge of miniature range practice.

The men from C and D Companies were examined yesterday, Thursday, January 7th, 1915, at 8 o'clock p.m., High School Building:

**"A"**

Baker, Branch, Burn, Cameron, Lyman, Timberlake, Montgomery.

**"B"**

Chiff, Fair, MacPherson, McDougall, E. M. Sutherland,

## EX-PRESIDENT WANTS U.S. TO JOIN ENGLAND

Roosevelt Asserts That the United States Should Make War on Germany

In an article written for the current issue of the Independent, Col. Roosevelt says under the caption, "Utopia or Hell."

"To violate these conventions, to violate neutrality treaties, as Germany has done in the case of Belgium, is a dreadful thing. It represents the gravest kind of international wrongdoing, but it is really not quite so contemptible, it does not show so shortsighted and timid indifference to the cause of permanent and righteous peace, as has been shown by the United States (thanks to President Wilson and Secretary Bryan) in refusing to fulfil its solemn obligations by taking whatever action was necessary in order to clear our skirts from the guilt of tame acquiescence in a wrong which we had solemnly undertaken to oppose. If I had for one moment supposed that signing those Hague conventions meant literally nothing whatever beyond the expression of a pious wish which any power was at liberty to disregard with impunity, in accordance with the dictates of self-interest, I would certainly not have permitted the United States to be a party to such a mischievous farce. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, however, take the view that when the United States assumes obligations in order to secure small and unoffending neutral nations against hideous wrong, its action is not predicated on any intention to make the guarantee effective."

"They take the view that when we are asked to redeem in the concrete promises we made in the abstract, our duty is to disregard our obligations and to preserve ignominious peace for ourselves by regarding with cold-blooded and timid indifference the most frightful ravages of war committed at the expense of a peaceful and unoffending country. This is the cult of cowardice. That President Wilson and Mr. Bryan profess it and put it in action would be of small consequence if only they themselves were concerned. The importance of their action is that it commits the United States."

Mr. Roosevelt points only to Germany as the wrongdoer, whose acts warranted an interference by the United States.

## NOT GERMANY

Who first put steam to ship and car? Who cabled through oceans far?

Not Germany.

Who first trapped microbes under glass? Man's ambushed, deadliest enemy, And bade foul plagues forever pass?

Not Germany.

Who from Daguerre his fame can steal? Who finished for the world to see "La bicyclette," "l'automobile"?

Not Germany.

Who set the wheel where woman spun To million-fold machinery? And what proud and hoarse Edison?

Not Germany.

Who laid on pain deep sleep and dark To still life's utmost agony? Who flashed word over the wireless spark?

Not Germany.

Who first like like eagles rode the air, Columbus of that vaster sea? Who first to earth's twin poles did fare?

Not Germany.

But higher yet! What lands display Darwin's supreme discovery, The Curies, Lyle, Paraday?

Not Germany.

Who broke th' hereditary throne Of kings, and set great peoples free? What land to-day is freedom's own?

Not Germany.

Go, Teuton boaster! Humbly scan What gifts thy peers have heaped on thee, Art's triumphs were achieved by Man—

Not Germany.

Theodore C. Williams in "Life."

## BATTALION ORDERS ISSUED FOR TRAINING OF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF MCGILL C. O. T. C.

Lectures for N.C.Os. to be Held Monday and Friday Evenings

### EXAMINATIONS START FEBRUARY 1ST

List of Subjects which will be Take up and References

**BATTALION ORDER NO. 3.**  
Lieut.-Col. Robert Starke, Officer Commanding McGill Contingent, C. O. T. C.  
Montreal, Jan. 6, 1915.  
Syllabus for Non-Coms. Class, Drill and Field Training.

**PORTION "A"**  
1. Organization and Definition Page XIV-XVIII.  
2. Squad Drill I. T. Secs. 1 to 7—12 to 46.  
3. Section and Platoon Drill I. T. Secs. 47-50.  
4. Extended Order Drill, Secs. 99-96.  
5. Infantry in Battle, Secs. 116-119.  
6. Care of Arms I. T. Secs. 181-183.  
7. Rifle Exercise I. T. and M.E., Ross Rifle, Secs. 1-22.  
8. Musketry Exercise M.R., 267-292; R. and M.E., 36-51.

**PORTION "B"**  
1. Company Drill I. T. Secs. 1-89.  
2. Infantry in Battle I. T. Secs. 120-123.  
3. Training and Field Operations I. T. Secs. 124-127.  
4. Guards and Sentries I. T. Secs. 128-131.  
5. Map Reading: M.M.R. Conventional Signs. How to use scales, approximate methods of obtaining true and magnetic north.

**PORTION "C"**  
Marches: F.S.R. 24-26, 30-32.  
Gaites and Bivouacs: F.S.R., 55-57, 61 and 62.

Outposts: I. T. Sec. 147, 148, P. 5; 152, 153 and 154.  
Reconnaissance and Scouts: I. T. 110 and 111.  
Field Engineering: F.S.R., 108, P. 9, 10, 11.

**PORTION "D"**  
Interior Economy: Otter's Guide, P. 1, sec. 1 and 2.  
Discipline: Otter's Guide, Pt. III, pages 127, 128 and 129 and 130.  
Duties: Otter's Guide, Part II, page 81, paragraphs 182, page 84 and 85.  
Daily Routine of Duties: Otter's Guide, Pages 86, 87, 88, 89, and 90.  
Guards, Sentries, Escorts and Picquets: Otter's Guide, Sec. III, pages 90-102.  
Orderly Duties: Otter's Guide—Battalion Orderly Sergeant and Corporal: Pages 107-109.  
Company Orderly Sergeant and Corporal: Pages 112-117.  
Dress and Conduct: Regulation for McGill Battalion, McGill Daily, December 1st, 1914.

All Non-Commissioned Officers of the McGill Battalion C.O.T.C. will be required to pass an examination on the above subjects, commencing Monday, February 1st, 1915. N. C. O's class will be held on Mondays and Fridays, 7.45 p.m., High School Building, in uniform.

A. R. CHIPMAN,  
Captain and Adjutant.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR THE MEMBERS OF MUSKETRY CLASS

Additional Names for Examination this Evening — Meeting of Assistant Instructors Friday Evening

**MUSKETRY CLASSES.**  
Men who will be notified as having been selected for assistant instructors, will be required at the armory, 425 Sherbrooke street, West, on Friday evening, at 7.30 to arrange for duties.

**MUSKETRY EXAMINATIONS.**  
The following men will parade with

A and B Company men on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Old High School Building, for Musketry Examination.

C. Company.  
McDougal, J. C.  
Miller.

D. Company.  
Brown, Dawes, K. T.  
Johnston, M. M.

## Queen's Notes

Drills Resumed at Queen's—Engineers Leave For Ottawa

The members of the Officers' Training Corps of Queen's are at work again after the holidays. The corps is learning the drills rapidly and before long will be in excellent form. Requisitions for uniforms and rifles have been sent to Ottawa but it is not known when the orders will be filled. The unit has at present sixty rifles, and therefore, considerable musketry drill can be given. A shooting gallery has been arranged in the upper story of the Old Arts Building and eleven targets have been installed. It is expected that shooting practice will be started next week.

**QUEEN'S ENGINEERS.**  
Queen's have also formed No. 5 Company of the Canadian Engineers and these men will leave with the Second Contingent, on January 4th, 79 men under Captain Lindsay Malcolm left for Ottawa where the Engineers are mobilizing. The Kingston Standard has the following editorial: **THE ENGINEERS OF QUEEN'S.** No. 5 Company Queen's Engineers have left the city for their mobilizing centre in Lansdowne Park, Ottawa. When their term of training is complete they will be sent to some part of the present great battlefield to render service to the Empire. We are safe in saying that no finer, abler or more perfectly fitted military organization ever left this city for a serious undertaking than that which

left Kingston yesterday. The Company was made up of students of the University, many of them in their last year, and all of them of the highest type, intellectually and physically. It is just such type of men as Britain needs now, and needs badly.

The present war calls for men of brains and education. Engineers were never so much in demand in any campaign throughout the history of the Empire. This is a war between mental forces, and our own University has recognized the need of the hour and Empire, and has sent in No. 5 Company a body of men whose services will count, and whose ability will be found useful wherever placed on the battlefield. We wish our boys of Queen's, safe return to the old Limestone City.

## WOULD COME IN HANDY.

Here is a little story that is attributed to Henry N. MacCracken, the new head of Vassar College.  
Some time ago a farmer wanted to enter his son in a small preparatory school and went to see the head of the institution to that end.  
"Uncle Josh, during the negotiations, 'don't forget to claim the boy full of Latin,'" said the professor.  
"But, my dear sir," responded the professor, exasperatingly, "don't you know that Latin is a dead language?"  
"Just all right, professor," returned Uncle Josh, with a satisfied smile. "It is going to be an undertaker some day, and it will come in kind of handy."  
Philadelphia Telegraph.

Vicar (at wedding service, his mind full of the recruiting posters): "Well, thou take this woman to be thy wedded wife—for three years or the duration of the war!"—Punch.

# Statistics of Warring Nations

A Tabulated Comparison of the Resources of the Warring Countries of Europe and of their Fighting Strengths Both on Land and Sea and in the Air

BRITISH AND GERMAN DREAD-NOUGHTS.

British Dreadnoughts.

Iron Duke, Marlborough, Colossus, Hercules, Neptune, St. Vincent, Vanguard, Superb, Collingwood, Dreadnought, Temeraire, Bellorophon, King George V, Ajax, Centurion, Orion, Conqueror, Monarch, Thunderer, Lion, Queen Mary, Princess Royal and New Zealand.

Total—24.

German Dreadnoughts.

Oldenburg, Heligoland, Ostfriesland, Thüringen, Friedrich der Grosse, Kaiser, Goeben, Von der Tann, Posen, Rheinland, Westfalen, Nassau, Also Koenig Albert, Kaiserliche Prinz Regent, Luitpold.

Total—15.

RELATIVE STRENGTH IN THE AIR

Fleets of the Triple Entente.

Triple Entente.

Russia 160,000,000 1,267,673,000 43,000 20 million 170 million

France 39,000,000 2,815,391,000 30,000 42 million 970 million

Great Britain 45,000,000 7,000,000,000 23,250 14 million 323 million

Belgium 7,500,000 1,630,000,000 6 million 57 million

British Dominions 200,000,000 3,000,000,000 58,633 8 million

Triple Alliance.

Germany 65,000,000 4,676,275,000 37,000 20 million 306 million

Austria-Hungary 50,000,000 1,277,002,000 26,000 15 million 226 million

RELATIVE RESOURCES OF OPPONENTS.

The Entente has plenty of cattle and wheat, but much of its food supply depends upon control of the trade routes. On the contrary, Germany's and Austria's supply is within reach, though smaller. If the British and French fleets bottle up or defeat the German and Austrian fleets, there will be plenty of food to supply their people, though prices will be high. Canada's immediate duty is to increase food production.

RELATIVE STRENGTH ON LAND

Armies of the Triple Alliance.

Peace Strength 1,200,000 War Strength 2,000,000

Russia 720,000 1,250,000

France 250,000 730,000

Great Britain 44,000 180,000

Belgium 32,000 200,000

Servia 200,000 400,000

British Dominions (self-gov.) 4,760,000

Armies of the Triple Entente.

Peace Strength 424,000 War Strength 810,000

Austria 600,000 2,250,000

Germany 3,060,000

The war strength of a nation should be judged by the number of men it can equip, not by the number that has been trained. Trained men are useless unless they can be equipped and maintained in the field. For example, Russia's war strength may be nominally five million, and in reality less than three million. Some believe Russia cannot send more than a million men against Germany, and Austria. Germany should be able to equip double that number, but may have difficulty in feeding them.

RELATIVE STRENGTH ON THE OCEAN.

Fleets of the Triple Entente.

Dreadnoughts Battleships Cruisers Destroyers, etc.

Russia 12 200

France 24 362

Great Britain 24 35 437

Servia .. ..

Greece .. ..

Totals 24 75 1,034

Fleets of the Triple Alliance.

Dreadnoughts Battleships Cruisers Destroyers, etc.

Germany 15 25 285

Austria 2 14 104

Totals 17 39 388

The Entente has 99 capital ships as against 56 of the Alliance. Here is where the Entente is superior and where victory should be swift and certain. Japan has 22 capital ships and Italy 18, but these will probably remain neutral.

The British ships have 104 guns, 13.5 inch; and 152 guns, 12 inch—total, 256. The Germans have 98 guns, 12 inch; and 112 guns, 11 inch—total, 210. The weight of a British broadside is 273,600 pounds, as against a German broadside of 170,400 pounds.

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## QUEEN'S OFFER FOR STATIONARY HOSPITAL IS NOT ACCEPTED

The British Government Find That at Present they are Unable to Do so

The chairman of the board of trustees of Queen's University has received notice from the British Army Council, through the Minister of Militia, that the offer of the medical faculty to furnish a stationary hospital in the war zone, cannot be accepted at present. The following is the correspondence in regard to the matter.

Minister's Office,  
Ottawa, Dec. 30th, 1914.  
Sir,—I much regret to have to inform you that the following cablegram has been received from the Imperial authorities with reference to the offer of your university to furnish a hospital for service during the present war:

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by faculties of certain Canadian universities. Army Council asks that expression of their warm appreciation may be conveyed to these universities but they regret that in the present situation there is no opening for taking advantage of services so generously placed at their disposal.

"(Sgd.) HARACOURT."

I beg that you will accept an expression of the very warm appreciation, not only of the Army Council, but also of the Canadian Government for your patriotic and valuable offer, and which I regret extremely that the Imperial authorities have not seen their way as yet to accept.—Faithfully (Signed), SAM HUGHES.

## THE BATTLE OF SCAR BOROUGH

(With apologies to Campbell) Of Tirpitz and The North Sing the inglorious "Tag's" renown, When the German fleet came forth 'Gainst an undefeated British host.

And their flag along the deep proudly home. By each gun the heroes stand In a bold determined band, And the noblest of their land led them on.

Like levathans afloat Lay their bulwarks on the brine, But of British, kindly note, Not a sign. It was morning by the chime, As they drifted on their path, There was silence deep as death And the boldest held his breath For a time.

Then each gun From its adamant lips, To the cheering of the Hun, Cheering at their fame's eclipse, Poured out ruin and dismay, Sparring neither sex nor age, In their blind and furious rage, Following then their maxim sage, Slunk away.

Never thus Nelson, Frohisher and Drake, Admirals that honor us, Did their thirst for victory slake, German honor, German fame, But of Kultur have no place, These you carefully efface And like thieves you leave the trace Of your shame.

—C. W. LANE.

USELESS TO TRY.  
Needling some ribbon one day, while in a very small southern town, we went to the one store there.

"Ribbon?" questioned the storekeeper. "Well, we all just inland our stock of ribbons, but if you'll come back later, I'll see if I can find them."

"What color did you want?"

"Blue," he replied.

"Oh, blue!" he exclaimed in disgust. "We haven't got any blue. Blue is so popular we don't even try to keep it."

Harper's.

Townley (visiting the country):—"And do you keep a dog?" Suburb:—"Well, we would keep our next door neighbor."

—Boston Transcript.